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 FOR THE NONINVASIVE
 ASSESSMENT OF
 HEMODYNAMIC
 PARAMETERS INCLUDING
 BLOOD VESSEL LOCATION**
 Examiner : Unknown
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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15 Dear Sir:

Before a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
 application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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On page 1, line 12 of the specification, after "... patent application No.",
 please insert -- 09/815,080 --;

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On page 36, line 6 of the specification, after "... Serial No.", please insert --
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